

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 153
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Livingston Academy girls' basketball coach Larry Looper on more than a quarter-century of coaching excellence.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor our successful coaches; and

WHEREAS, Larry Looper, head girls' basketball team coach at Livingston Academy, has coached since 1972, setting a high standard of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, under his dynamic tutelage, five of his teams have been ranked nationally by the prestigious *USA Today* poll, in 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, and 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, with a 31-1 record, and 1994, with a 38-1 record, he led his teams to state championships; and

WHEREAS, his 1984 team, with a 37-3 record; his 1985 team, with a 30-2 record; his 1993 team, with a 32-3 record and his 1996 team with a 34-3 record, finished state runner-up; and

WHEREAS, four of coach Looper's teams have made it to the semifinal round of the state tournament: in 1976 with a 31-4 record, in 1991 with a 32-1 record, in 1995 with a 36-3 record, and 1997 with a 31-5 record. Two other teams made it to the state tournament: in 1974 with a 25-7 record and in 1986 with a 24-11 record; and

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WHEREAS, his excellent overall record is 699 victories and 146 defeats, an outstanding winning percentage of .827; and

WHEREAS, from 1989-1992 Livingston won fifty home games in a row. His beloved Wildcats have also had an incredible fifty-five game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Coaches Athletic Association named him statewide Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1990 and the Tennessee Sportswriters Association chose him Coach of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the *Tennessean* named Coach Looper Midstate Coach of the Year three times, in 1990, 1991, and 1995, while the *Nashville Banner* selected him Midstate Coach of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Coaches Athletic Association named him District Coach of the Year twelve times, in 1977, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1996; and

WHEREAS, Coach Looper also served admirably as an East-West game coach in 1984 and as a Tennessee Georgia All-Star Coach in 1990; and

WHEREAS, his many championships, victories and honors aside, Coach Looper is most proud of the example he has set for his players, Livingston Academy students and members of the community. He has carefully prepared his players to play fair, be gracious in victory as well as in defeat, and to be winners on and off the hardwoods; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to recognize the tremendous contribution Coach Larry Looper has made to Livingston Academy, his community and Tennessee high school athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate and commend one of our finest coaches, Larry Looper, and wish him continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.